

## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) Wound drainage device for using reduced pressure[[:]] to discharge exudate originating from a wound, which device comprises a housing which comprises a vacuum chamber for receiving a collection container with a feed opening for collecting exudate, and means for generating a reduced pressure in the space between the inner wall of the vacuum chamber and a collection container which is accommodated therein during operation, wherein the said means for generating a reduced pressure comprise gas-transformer means for using pressurized gas to form a reduced pressure, which means on the pressure side are in communication with a pressure-resistant gas compartment and on the vacuum side are in communication with the vacuum chamber, the gas compartment being provided in the housing and having a coupling for connection to an external gas source.

2. (previously presented) Wound drainage device according to claim 1, wherein the coupling can be selectively connected to a gas compartment and the gas-transformer means.

3. (previously presented) Wound drainage device according to claim 1, wherein a removable inner container is arranged in the vacuum chamber, and the gas-transformer means are in communication with the space between the inner container and a collection container which is positioned in the inner container during operation.

4. (previously presented) Wound drainage device according to claim 1, wherein the wound drainage device comprises a modular configuration.

5. (previously presented) Wound drainage device according to claim 4, wherein the modular configuration comprises a two-part housing, at least one gas compartment, a vacuum chamber and a mounting plate having at least the gas-transformer means as components to be assembled.

6. (currently amended) ~~Assembly of a wound drainage device for using reduced pressure to discharge exudate originating from a wound, which device comprises a housing which comprises a vacuum chamber for receiving a collection container with a feed opening for collecting exudate, and means for generating a reduced pressure in the space between the inner wall of the vacuum chamber and a collection container which is accommodated therein during operation, wherein the said means for generating a reduced~~

~~pressure comprise gas transformer means for using pressurized gas to form a reduced pressure, which means on the pressure side are in communication with a pressure-resistant gas compartment and on the vacuum side are in communication with the vacuum chamber, the gas compartment being provided in the housing and having a coupling for connection to an external gas source and~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 1, further comprising a collection container for collecting exudate originating from a wound, comprising a flexible receiving container which is in communication with a feed for conveying exudate from the wound to the receiving container.

7. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 6, wherein the vacuum chamber is provided with an opening, and the collection chamber comprises a cover for closing off the opening.

8. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 7, wherein the cover comprises a closure rim, such that the cover can be positioned on the opening of the vacuum chamber in a unique way.

9. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 8, wherein the closure rim is in the shape of an ellipse composed of two ellipse parts of different eccentricity which adjoin one another.

10. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 7, wherein the cover is provided with a closable feed opening for supplying auxiliary substances, which feed opening is in communication with the receiving container.

11. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 10, wherein the feed opening is provided with a septum.

12. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 10, wherein a lid is provided for closing the feed opening again.

13. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 10, wherein a breakable lid is provided for protecting the feed opening.

14. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 6, wherein the feed is provided with a shut-off member, and the receiving container is provided

with a discharge for removing exudate from the receiving container, which discharge is provided with a shut-off member.

15. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 14, wherein the feed and discharge are provided on opposite sides of the receiving container.

16. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 6, wherein the collection container comprises a filter.

17. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 6, wherein the wall of the collection container comprises an air-permeable filter.

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23. (currently amended) ~~Collection container~~ Wound drainage device according to claim ~~[[18]]~~ 6, wherein the wall of the collection container comprises an air-permeable filter.

24. (currently amended) ~~Collection container~~ Wound drainage device according to claim ~~[[18]]~~ 7, wherein the cover is provided with a closable feed opening for supplying auxiliaries, which feed opening is in communication with the receiving container.

25. (currently amended) ~~Collection container~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 24, wherein a septum is provided in the feed opening.

26. (currently amended) ~~Collection container~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 24, wherein a lid is provided for closing the feed opening again.

27. (currently amended) ~~Collection container~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 24, wherein a breakable lid is provided for protecting the feed opening.